# Michael W. "Mike" Gordon—House District 18—Republican

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#### Age:

72

#### Place of Birth:

Fort Pierce, Florida

# Spouse's Name:

Michelle

#### Children's Names:

Michele, Michael

## Occupation:

Retired

## Length of Residency in Alaska:

63 years (2-3 years in California, early 60s).

# **Alaskan Communities Lived in:**

Anchorage, 1953-2016.

#### **Education:**

Anchorage High, graduated 1960; University of San Francisco, BA, Politics, 2011; Alaska Pacific University, MA, Writing, 2014

#### **Political and Government Positions:**

Anchorage City Council, Councilman; Anchorage Borough Assembly, Assemblyman; Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, Chairman

# **Business and Professional Positions:**

1/3 Owner Bird House Bar, Bird Creek, 1967-1968 Founder, 1970, CEO, Chilkoot Charlie's, sold to employees, 2015.

# **Service Organization(s) Membership:**

Boy Scouts; Boys & Girls Clubs; Alaska Mental Health Association (Volunteer of the Year); Anchorage Opera; Holy Rosary Academy Capital Committee; past-president, active member Anchorage Rotary Club; New York Explorers Club; Honorary Member, Anchorage Fire Department, Local 1264; Spenard Community Council.

# **Special Interests:**

Writing, mountain climbing, marathons, traveling, skiing, fishing, gardening, continuing education.

### Other:

Eagle scout, licensed pilot, deep water diver, completed fifteen marathons, climbed highest peak on six of seven continents, reached 27,500 feet on seventh, Mt. Everest—third attempt, age fifty.

#### **Statement:**

The worst thing for any economy is uncertainty. Alaska needs to get off the royalty-based roller coaster and create stable, predictable budgetary process and attract new industries to the state with incentives. We need to remove bureaucratic impediments to young Alaskans entering the small business marketplace.

Government needs further cutting. It has grown far beyond state revenue expectations. As a result some are advocating more taxes. I am opposed to new taxes until we further cut government spending.

Start with the Governor's fanciful gas line. A gas pipeline will be built by private industry when engineering costs and economics coincide. The state has a long history of funding pie-in-the-sky schemes that have always failed and lost money.

Health care costs are crushing Alaska families. We have the highest premiums in the nation and prices are projected to increase another 40%. We need competitive bidding to bring costs down.

A member of the National Rifle Association, I am a staunch supporter of the Second Amendment. I also support strong local police and fire departments.

Quality education is essential to Alaska's growth and development, but we spend more money per student that almost anywhere in the country and are not getting commensurate results. We need to be more supportive of teachers' needs, spend more money on teachers and classrooms and less on administration.

Alaska is not in decline—it needs a change in leadership to generate economic revival.

